



2009-2010

ARIZONA SECONDARY TRANSITION MENTORING PROJECT (STMP)

A Collaborative Project



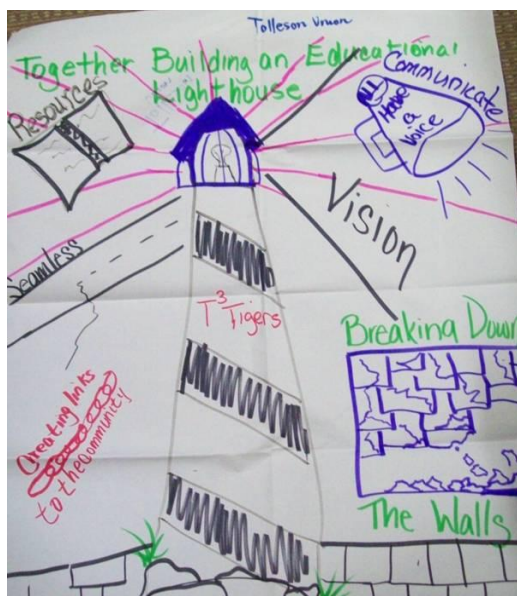
PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services (ADE/ESS) is partnering with the University of Kansas Transition Coalition to improve transition education, services and outcomes for students with disabilities in Arizona through the Arizona Secondary Transition Mentoring Project (STMP). During this two year partnership, STMP Teams will participate in four face-to-face trainings and one online training provided by the Transition Coalition. The STMP Teams are comprised of representatives from 14 Public Education Agencies (PEAs), which include both school districts and charter schools, who have received a capacity-building grant from the Arizona Department of Education to participate in the training. Teams will have representation from the following areas: administration, special education teachers, and general education teachers or career and technical education teachers or guidance counselors.

GOAL 1: Provide high quality professional development on topics related to the State Performance Plan Indicator 13 in collaboration with Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services (ADE/ESS). The Transition Coalition and ADE/ESS will instruct PEAs on transition components using the National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center (NSTTC) Indicator 13 Checklist. ADE/ESS resources and model products for compliance will be shared through an online Community of Practice (CoP) developed especially for AZ STMP teams.

GOAL 2: Provide training and support to the 14 STMP teams in order to improve staff capacity to provide research-based transition planning and services.

GOAL 3: Facilitate the development of Community Transition Teams (CTTs) in each of the 14 PEAs. Each STMP team will invite stakeholders from their local community to form a CTT. The CTTs will collaboratively identify areas of need for the community and develop an action plan to address the identified needs.



Activities of the AZ CTT Training will include:

- ✓ Community resource mapping to identify local services
- ✓ Two trainings on CTT development & specific topics of need as identified by the district-level self assessment
- ✓ Ongoing communication and collaboration through the Arizona Community of Practice (CoP).

TIMELINE

September 21-23, 2009

- Arizona's Ninth Annual Transition Conference "Celebrate the Journey", Radisson Fort McDowell Resort - attend recommended sessions

October 20, 2009

- Conference Call 2:30pm --30-minute overview of what to bring and expect in STMP Session 1

November 5-6, 2009, 8:00-4:30

- STMP Session 1, Fiesta Inn Resort, Tempe

December 8, 2009, 2:30-3:30

- Webinar on AzCIS using iLinc

January 19, 2010, 2:30-3:30

- Conference Call for short course participants

January 19, 2010-February 12, 2010

- Online Short Course (accessed via <http://www.arizonatransition.org>)

March 2, 2010, 2:30-3:30

- Conference Call on Summary of Performance

April, 22-23, 2010

- STMP Session 2, Fiesta Inn Resort, Tempe

May 12, 2010 - Tentative

- Conference Call on Post School Outcome Survey Data Collection

COURSE OUTLINE

The STMP program will provide a website for project participants, as well as others interested in improving transition education and services in Arizona (<http://www.arizonatransition.org>). Participants of the STMP program will have continual access to an online Community of Practice (CoP) where they can ask questions and discuss topics related to improving secondary special education with other STMP participants, University of Kansas trainers and ADE/ESS Transition Specialists. The CoP is designed to offer opportunities for members to engage in ongoing dialogue, problem-solving and resource sharing. Additionally, the website will serve as a library for training materials. Access to the website will be available to staff in the 14 participating school districts and charter schools for the two years of the project (2009-2011).

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Moodle interface for the Arizona Transition project. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://arizonatransition.org/moodle/index.php>. The page header includes the site name "Arizona Transition" and a notification that the user is using guest access with a "Login" link. A language dropdown menu is set to "English (en)". Below the header is a banner image featuring a map of Arizona and the word "ARIZONA" in large, spaced-out letters. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled "Available Courses", lists two courses: "Arizona Secondary Transition Mentoring Project (STMP)" and "Overview of Transition Education and Services" by Teacher: Pattie Noonan. The right column, titled "Calendar", shows a calendar for August 2009, with the 20th highlighted. At the bottom of the page, there is another "You are currently using guest access (Login)" notification and logos for Moodle and the Transition Coalition.

In addition to the web resources and library of training materials which are open access, <http://www.arizonatransition.org> will also host a four-week online short course for two representatives from each district. The short course entitled "Overview of Transition Education and Services" will use a cohort approach for the 28 educators selected to participate. All activities and objectives of the training focus on supporting the participants to enhance transition practices specific to Indicator 13 of Arizona's State Performance Plan.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOL DISTRICTS & CHARTER SCHOOLS

Secondary Transition Mentoring Project (STMP) Teams Year 1 (2009-2010)

Apache Junction Unified School District

www.ajusd.org

Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center

www.aaechighschools.com

Ash Fork Joint Unified School District

www.afjUSD.org

Buckeye Union High School District

buhSD.org

Center for Academic Success, Inc.

www.cas-schools.com

Kingman Unified School District

www.kusd.org

Payson Unified School District & Payson Center for Success Charter School

www.pusd.k12.az.us

www.pusd.k12.az.us/pcs/

Prescott Valley Charter School

www.prescottvalleyschools.com

San Carlos Unified School District

www.exceleducationcenters.org

Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District

www.santacruz.k12.az.us

Santa Cruz Valley Union High School District

santacruzdevils.us

Scottsdale Unified School District

susd.schoolfusion.us

Tanque Verde Unified School District

www.tanq.org

Thatcher Unified School District

www.thatcherud.k12.az.us



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